

Appl. No. 10/605,778
Response dated 10/4/2005
Reply to Office Action of 4/4/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim remarks with regards to 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 13, 14 and 17 as being anticipated by Rodnunsky '426. Independent claims 1, 14 and 17 have been amended. Amended independent claims 1, 14 and 17 are not anticipated by Rodnunsky '426 since Rodnunsky '426 does not comprise at least the limitation "with two freely rotating sheaves each coupled to opposing sides of said platform wherein no sheave coupled with said platform is coupled with a brake". Some of the '426 sheaves coupled with the platform comprise brakes so as to stop the flow of rope and thereby initiate movement of the platform along with the rope. The method of moving a platform in '426 is fundamentally different since the rope in '426 moves in a continuous loop even if the platform does not move (brakes not engaged) and the platform moves by engaging the brakes to grab onto the rope heading in one direction or the other.

In addition, the independent claims have been amended to clarify that the platform is moved "in a Y axis and a Z axis via said YZ movement rope".

Since the remaining claim 13 depends on independent claim 1, claim 13 is therefore not anticipated by '426 since dependent claims comprise all of the limitations of their parents, in this case currently amended claim 1.

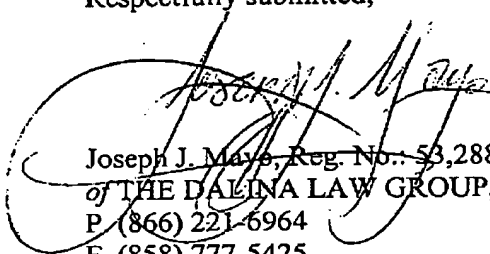
CONCLUSION

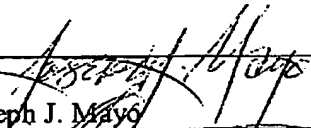
For at least the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the currently amended claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner differs in this conclusion, the

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Examiner is hereby requested to contact Applicant's representative for purposes of a telephone interview at the number listed below before any action (other than an allowance) is initiated.

Respectfully submitted,


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